

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-39 have been rejected.

Claims 1, 9, 16, 23 and 30 have been amended.

Claims 37-39 have been canceled.

Unless otherwise specified in the below discussion, Applicants have amended the above-referenced claims in order to provide clarity or to correct informalities in the claims. Applicants further submit that, unless discussed below, these amendments are not intended to narrow the scope of the claims. Applicants have also canceled Claims 37-39 in order to clarify the issues for prosecution. By these amendments and cancellations, Applicants do not concede that the cited art is prior to any invention now or previously claimed. Applicants further reserve the right to pursue the original versions of the claims in the future, for example, in a continuing application.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,587,126 issued to Wakai et al. ("Wakai"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Independent Claims 1, 9, 16, 23 and 30, as amended, each contain limitations of substantially the following form:

receiving a request to provide a requested service, wherein

- the request is received from an applet executing on a remote network node, and
- the request conforms to a request format defined in a first language;

providing the request to a language parser configured to parse the first language;

obtaining results of parsing the request from the language parser;

selecting a first device of a plurality of devices to provide the requested service, wherein

- each of the plurality of devices is configured to provide a corresponding service, and
- said selecting is performed in response to said obtaining the results of parsing; and

converting the request to a second request, wherein

- the second request conforms to a request format defined in a second language, and
- the first device is configured to provide the requested service in response to receiving the second request.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited sections of Wakai fail to provide disclosure of all of these claim limitations, as amended.

In several locations, the Office Action posits that Wakai's "desktop PC" (Fig. 7, ref. 706) is the entity that performs functionality equivalent to the claimed "selecting." *See, e.g.*, Office Action, pp.2-5 (paragraph 2: discussing how the desktop PC must select between several peripheral devices in order to properly route a request). Since Wakai fails to explicitly provide for such selecting, the Office Action also states that selecting "must be inherently performed [by the desktop PC] in response to obtaining the request." *See, e.g.*, Office Action, p.4; *see also* Office Action, pp.2-3.

In light of these statements by the Office Action as to where the "selecting" is performed in Wakai, Applicants submit that the cited sections of Wakai fail to provide disclosure of the amended claim limitations. The independent claims, as amended,

provide for receiving the request for the requested service from an applet executing on a remote network node. The cited sections of Wakai provide no disclosure of the “desktop PC” receiving such a request, nor do those sections provide for a request to be provided by an applet executing on a remote network node.

The amended claims provide that the claimed selecting is performed “in response to said obtaining the results of parsing [the request]” by a language parser. The cited sections do not disclose the “desktop PC” to perform any selecting process in response to obtaining results of language parsing of the request. The cited sections also fail to show a language parser of any kind available to the desktop PC, which would be used to parse a request for a requested service.

Applicants respectfully submit that support for the amendments to the independent claims can be found at least at paragraphs 51-57 of the original Application. Applicants therefore submit that these amendments add no new matter to the Application.

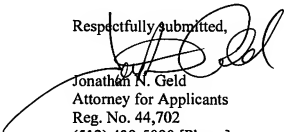
For at least these reasons, and applicable discussion presented in previous Office Actions, Applicants submit that the cited sections of Wakai fail to provide disclosure of all the limitations of independent Claims 1, 9, 16, 23 and 30, as amended, and all claims depending therefrom and that these claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner’s reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to these claims and an indication of the allowability of same.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5090.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,



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